

The campground at Ross Camp allows for RV and primitive camping. All RV sites include electrical hook-ups; a dump station is available. A comfort station featuring shower and rest rooms is conveniently located in the campground. Reservations must be made in advance by contacting the park department office at 463-2306.

The Tippecanoe County Park and Recreation Department invite you to Ross Hills Park and Ross Camp. These facilities are a 15 minute drive from West Lafayette. Quiet, private, scenic and modern amenities await you. The buildings and grounds are suitable for, employee seminars ,weddings , receptions, family and class reunions , Christmas parties, and overnight retreats. Primitive and RV camping sites are also available. The buildings are open for year-round use.



Rental rates and terms are available by contacting the Park department at (765) 463-2306 or visit the Tippecanoe County website @ www.tippecanoe.in.gov
Then select Ross Hills or Ross Camp

For information and reservations on Ross Hills Park and Ross Camp, please contact the



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Or you may contact the
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Tippecanoe County Park & Recreation Department
Established in 1966





Ross Hill's Park is named in honor of David Ross (1871 - 1943), a Hoosier inventor, manufacturer and Purdue University benefactor. The park is the site of his dairy farm and summer home. Dave, as he was known, loved to entertain and his three story, twelve room home is available for meetings and receptions for groups of 50. You'll have access to the kitchen and meeting room, basement and porch.

The park has two picnic shelters which can be reserved. The Sullivan Shelter, named in honor of David Ross' housekeeper, Susie Sullivan, has a capacity of 100. The 60 person Hentschel Shelter remembers Win Hentschel, who made the park department's development of Ross Hills and Ross Camp possible. Park amenities include two volleyball courts, softball backstop, and horseshoe pits. Picnic areas for groups of 20-80 border the shady canopy of wooded ravines. A wood deck overlooking the Wabash River valley provide a scenic respite along hiking trails to the river.



In 1926 David Ross and Professor G.E. Lommel visited a 200 acre farm adjacent to Ross' summer home. The visit was to determine if the site would be suitable as a surveying camp for Purdue Civil Engineering students. Ross purchased the land and donated it to the University. Purdue used the camp for instruction up until 1960. In 1963 the property became the Hoosier 4-H Leadership Center and served thousands of Indiana youth. In 1992 an agreement was reached between the Ross-Ade Foundation and the Tippecanoe County Park Board for use as a public park. We are proud to offer Ross Camp and its multi-purpose facilities.



The Gordon Jones Lodge, also known as the A-frame lodge, is a rustic but modern facility. Located on the building's lower level is a kitchen equipped with stove, sink, and refrigerator, and adjoins the dining area that seats 100. The lounge on the upper level features cathedral ceilings. Patio doors lead on to a deck overlooking a natural wooded area. This room is carpeted and can be set up for meetings and seminars or casual entertaining. There are two conference rooms that seat 15 persons. For overnight retreats there are sleeping accommodations for 68 persons. The kitchen and dining area, lounge, and upstairs sleeping rooms are air conditioned.



The Dining Hall has a complete commercial kitchen for you or your caterer's use. Seating is available for 350 in this One-level building suitable for banquets, dances, receptions and other large gatherings. With certain restrictions, alcohol is allowed at Ross Camp.

A fishing pond and hiking trails leading to the Wabash River are enhanced by the natural preserved and protected century old trees and native plant growth. The manicured grounds of Ross Camp allows plenty of space for tents and games if your group wants them.



The Mary Francis Smith Memorial Chapel, built circa 1881, can be rented for weddings and church services. The dark wood pews seat 120 persons. This quaint country chapel features a stained glass window, pressed tin ceiling, and an organ. One small room can accommodate pre-wedding clothing changes and preparations.